

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS:**What is claimed is:**

1. (Currently Amended) Fitting A fitting for lift-slide doors or windows with at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ located on a bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ that can be moved for raising and lowering the door or window sash $\langle 2 \rangle$ in a longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ and with a coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$, which connects the at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ for this movement with a drive element, for example a push rod $\langle 6 \rangle$, provided on one vertical section of the sash frame $\langle 2.1 \rangle$, characterized in that wherein the coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$ is a rigid, rod-like and/or push/pull type coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$, which can be slided in the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ and is connected at one first end with the drive element $\langle 6 \rangle$ and at the other end via a jointed connection with the running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$.
2. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the casing $\langle 8 \rangle$ of the running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ is made of one piece, for example of metal, preferably of die-cast zinc.
3. (Currently Amended) Fitting A fitting for lift-slide doors or windows with at least one forend rail $\langle 118 \rangle$ and one push rod $\langle 6, 120 \rangle$ that can be moved axially on the forend rail, characterized in that wherein the forend rail $\langle 4, 118 \rangle$ is flat or strip-shaped.
4. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 3, characterized by wherein the fitting comprises at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ located on a bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ so that it can be moved on a longitudinal running shoe axis relative

to the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ for raising and lowering the door or window sash $\langle 2 \rangle$, and with a coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$, which connects the at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ for this movement with a drive element located on one vertical section of the sash frame $\langle 2.1 \rangle$, ~~for example~~ with a push rod $\langle 6 \rangle$, whereby the coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$ is a rigid, rod-like and/or push/pull type coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$, which is guided in the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ and is connected at one end with the drive element $\langle 6 \rangle$ and at the other end via a jointed connection with the running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$.

5. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized by wherein the fitting comprises~~ at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ located on a bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ so that it can be moved in a longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ for raising and lowering the door or window sash $\langle 2 \rangle$, and with a coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$, which connects the at least one running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ for this movement with a drive element located on one vertical section of the sash frame $\langle 2.1 \rangle$, ~~for example~~ with a push rod $\langle 6 \rangle$, whereby the casing $\langle 8 \rangle$ of the running shoe $\langle 9 \rangle$ is made of one piece, ~~for example of metal, preferably of die cast zinc.~~
6. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$ has the form of a partial ring or arc and is located in the bearing element $\langle 7 \rangle$ such that the ring axis is in a plane perpendicular to the door sash plane.
7. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the coupling element $\langle 17 \rangle$ is designed as a rack and pinion on its first end and that this end engages with a toothed or perforated section $\langle 6.1 \rangle$ of the drive element $\langle 6 \rangle$.

8. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the second end of the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is connected via a jointed connection with the running shoe ~~(9)~~ or a casing ~~(8)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~.
9. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the coupling element ~~(17)~~ engages with its other end in a coupling opening ~~(22.1)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~ or of the running shoe casing ~~(8)~~.
10. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized by claim 1, further comprising~~ an arc-shaped guide ~~(18, 19)~~ in the bearing element ~~(7)~~ for the coupling element ~~(17)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the coupling element ~~(17)~~ is manufactured as a preformed part made of metal or plastic.
12. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the coupling element ~~(17)~~ has a profile that deviates from the circular form, for example namely a rectangular or square profile, at least between its two ends.
13. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the bearing element ~~(7)~~ is designed as an elbow, i.e. with two legs ~~(7.1, 7.2)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that 1, wherein~~ the drive element (6) is guided on one leg and the running shoe (9) runs in bearings on the other end.
15. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 13 or 14, ~~characterized in that, wherein~~ the coupling element (17) is located in the area of the junction of the two legs (7.1, 7.2) in the bearing element (7).
16. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the running shoe casing (8) has two walls (10) extending in the longitudinal direction of the running shoe and at a distance from each other, and that at least two rollers (12) can turn on bearings between the two walls (10).
17. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 16, wherein the longitudinal walls (10) of the running shoe casing (8) are connected with each other at least on the ends of the running shoe by means of end walls (11).
18. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least one projection (15) forming a guide for the running shoe (9) is located on the bearing element (7).
19. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one projection (15) extends into the running shoe casing (8) and forms lateral guide surfaces for inner surfaces of the running shoe casing (8).

20. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 18 ~~or 19~~, characterized, wherein in that at least one lifting curve ~~(14)~~ is formed on the projection ~~(8)~~ with which ~~lifting curve~~ a guide or slide element ~~(16)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~ works together.
21. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lifting curve is formed by a recess ~~(14)~~.
22. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 20 ~~or 21~~, ~~characterized in that, wherein~~ the slide element is a guide bolt ~~(16)~~.
23. (Currently Amended) Fitting ~~A fitting~~ for lift-slide doors or windows with at least one running shoe ~~(9)~~ located on a bearing element ~~(7)~~ so that it can be moved in a longitudinal running shoe axis relative to the bearing element ~~(7)~~ for raising and lowering the door or window sash ~~(2)~~, and with a coupling element ~~(17)~~, which connects the at least one running shoe ~~(9)~~ for this movement with a drive element located on one vertical section of the sash frame ~~(2.1)~~, ~~for example~~ with a push rod, ~~characterized in that~~ the casing ~~(8)~~ of the running shoe ~~(9)~~ is made of one piece with at least one sleeve-like coupling section ~~(26)~~ located on one end of the running shoe, ~~manufactured for example of metal, preferably of die-cast zinc.~~
24. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sleeve-like coupling section ~~(26)~~ has a sleeve opening ~~(29)~~ with a profile that is made up of a square profile form and a circular profile form such that it forms four sides with a cylindrical section ~~(30)~~ and four corner areas ~~(31)~~ with connecting

right-angled surfaces, respectively, whereby the cylindrical sections ~~(30)~~ are located on a common imaginary cylinder surface around the center axis of the sleeve opening ~~(29)~~ and the radius of the cylindrical sections ~~(30)~~ is somewhat smaller than half the distance of two diagonally opposed corner areas ~~(31)~~, so that the respective sleeve-like coupling section ~~(26)~~ can be used alternately for a connecting rod ~~(25.1, 25.2)~~ with a circular or square profile.

25. (Currently Amended) Fitting as claimed in claim 23 or 24, characterized by, further comprising means ~~(32)~~ for fixing the respective connecting rod ~~(25.1, 25.2)~~ in the sleeve opening ~~(29)~~.
26. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide A lift-slide door or window with at least one door or window sash ~~(106)~~ located in a door or window frame ~~(102)~~, with a running carriage or running shoes ~~(111)~~ located in a groove ~~(113)~~ on one lower, horizontal sash frame element ~~(107.1, 107a.1)~~ for raising and lowering and for sliding the sash ~~(106)~~, with a gear unit ~~(110)~~ located on one vertical sash frame element ~~(107.2, 107a.2)~~ that is connected with the running shoes ~~(111)~~ by means of a push rod ~~(120)~~ guided via a drive connection on a forend rail ~~(118)~~ for raising and lowering the sash ~~(106)~~, whereby the forend rail ~~(118)~~ is fastened to the push rod ~~(120)~~ in the area of a groove ~~(113)~~ on one sash frame element ~~(107.2, 107a.2)~~, characterized in that wherein the forend rail ~~(118)~~ is designed as a flat or strip-shaped rail.
27. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 26, characterized in that wherein the push rod ~~(120)~~ has a flat or strip-shaped design.

28. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 26 or 27, characterized in that, wherein the width of the forend rail is somewhat greater than the width of the push rod (120).
29. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 28, characterized in that wherein the groove (113) for fastening the forend rail (118) is provided with a recess (116) on both sides at its opening or the edge of its opening to form a contact surface (113.3) against which the forend rail (118) bears against edge areas and that the push rod (120) is contained in the groove (113).
30. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 26, wherein the groove (113) has a width that is the same or approximately the same as the width of the push rod (120).
31. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 26, wherein at least the groove (113) for containing the running carriage or running shoes (111) and the groove for fastening the forend rail (118) with the push rod (120) are designed identically.
32. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 26, wherein at least one further sash frame element forming the sash frame (107, 107a), preferably the sash frame element (107.3, 107a.3) forming the top of the sash (106) also has a groove (113) that is designed identically to the groove (113) for containing the running carriage or running shoes (111) and to the groove for fastening the forend rail (118) to the push rod (120).

33. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in claim 32, ~~characterized in that further comprising a profile (121) with a guide element (122) is provided for in the groove (113) of the sash frame element (107.3, 107a.3) forming the top of the sash frame (107, 107a).~~
34. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 26, wherein~~ the sash frame elements (107.1, 107.2, 107.3, 107.4) forming the sash frame (107) are profiles made of wood.
35. (Currently Amended) Lift-slide door or window as claimed in ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that claim 26, wherein~~ the sash frame elements (107a.1, 107a.2, 107a.3, 107a.4) forming the sash frame (107a) are profiles made of plastic.